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Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch,

The World Institute on Disability is aware that the FCC has opened a docket (WT: 11-65) that allows the public to offer its input on the proposed AT&T-T-Mobile merger. On behalf of WID, I ask that you please include our statement supporting the merger in this docket.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anita S. Aaron", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Anita S. Aaron, Executive Director  
World Institute on Disability

CC: Chairman Julius Genachowski  
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Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
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## World Institute on Disability Statement:

Completing the AT&T-T-Mobile merger will be one step toward ensuring that more people with disabilities are able to connect to fast, reliable wireless broadband services. As an organization dedicated to the economic empowerment of people with disabilities, the World Institute on Disability understands that people with disabilities need access to advanced communications to actively compete in today's job market. As documented in G3ICT's White Paper, **"Accessibility, Innovation and Sustainability at AT&T A G3ict White Paper Documenting How Mobile Service Providers Can Serve Persons with Disabilities and Seniors**

[http://g3ict.org/resource\\_center/White Paper on Accessibility, Innovation and Sustainability at AT&T](http://g3ict.org/resource_center/White_Paper_on_Accessibility,_Innovation_and_Sustainability_at_AT&T)" AT&T has taken a leadership role in the development of innovative and accessible products and services and we believe that T-Mobile customers with disabilities and those facing age related functional limitation would benefit from these advancements. We call on the Department of Justice and FCC to approve this transaction expeditiously given the positive impact it will have on people with disabilities and to rigorously support enforcement against companies who do not take such a proactive approach on access for persons with disabilities.